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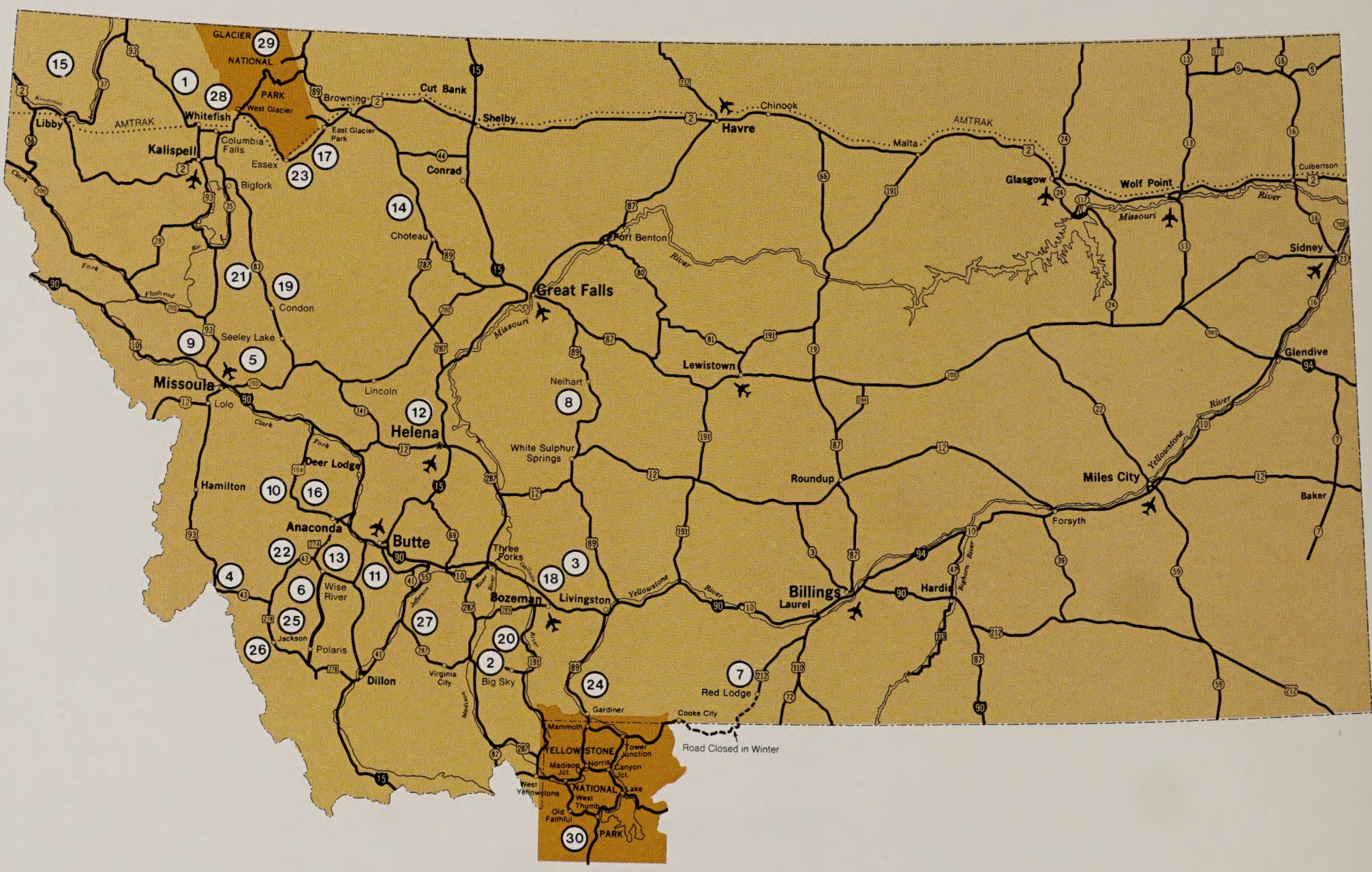

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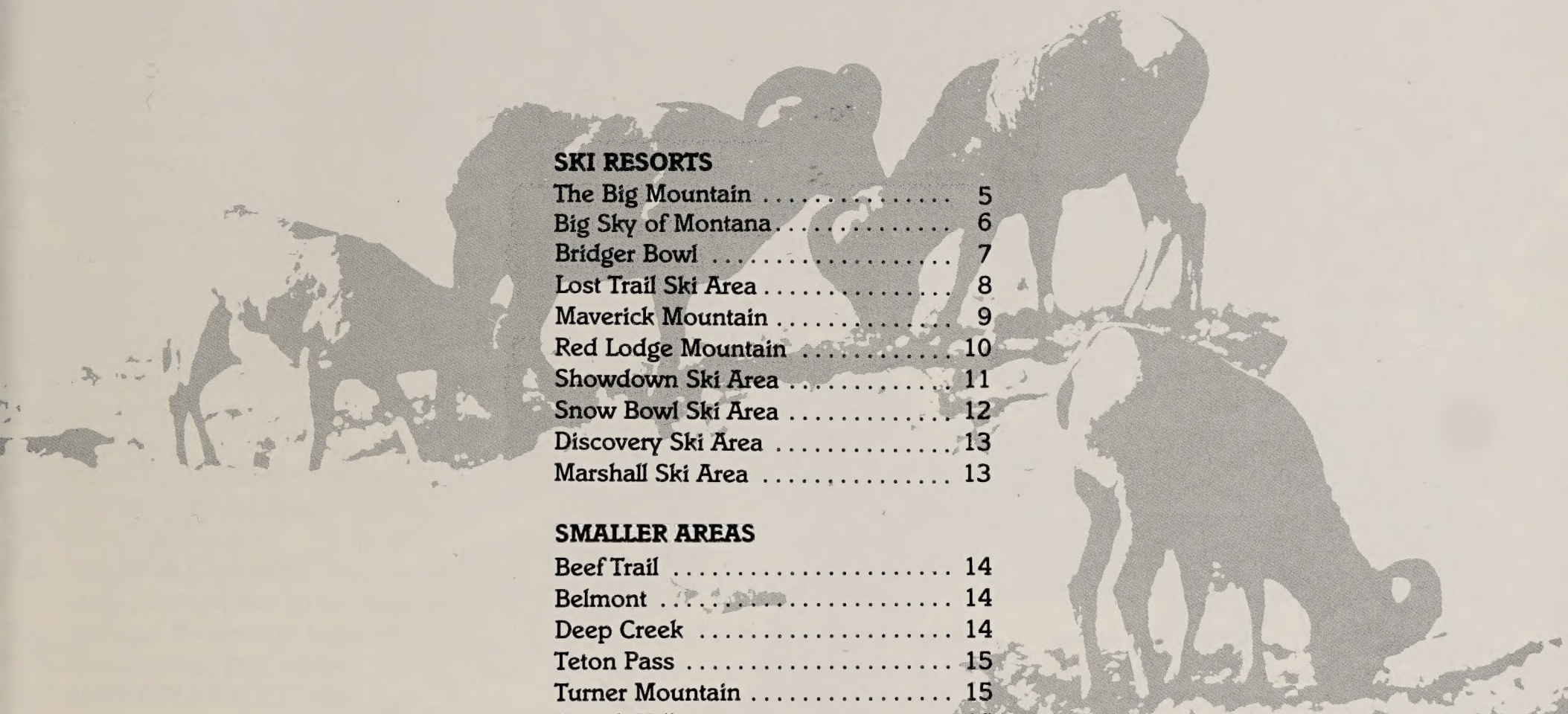

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DOWNHILL SKIING

In Montana, winter is good — and good for you. From Thanksgiving-time through the spring season, Montana keeps its powder dry. And deep.

There's every kind of terrain to ski in the Montana Rocky Mountains — long, steep drops to challenge the experts, exhilarating runs to satisfy middle-of-the roaders, and friendly hills to entice ski fanatics of the future.

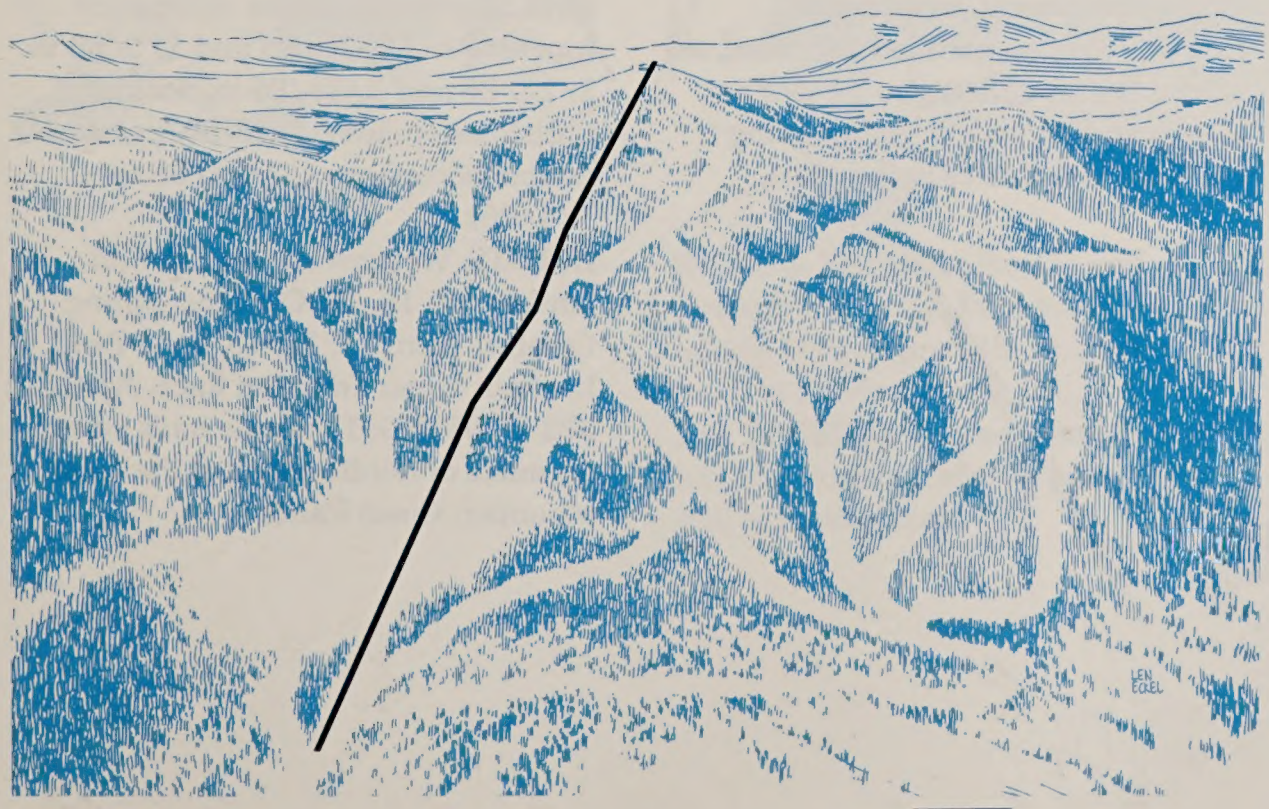
The price of all this glory? Surprisingly low in Montana. We've eliminated the big-city crowds, long lift lines, elbows-in-your-ribs syndrome, and replaced it with low-priced air fares and package rates, lots of "only-in-Montana" extras, and the friendliest natives on any side of the mountain!

Try a naturally inviting ski vacation this winter. **Ski Montana!**

THE BIG MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: 8 miles north of Whitefish. Fly to Glacier International Airport in Kalispell and take a rental car or ski bus to The Big Mountain.
AREA INFORMATION: Write The Big Mountain, P.O. Box 1215, Whitefish, MT 59937, or call (406) 862-3511.
SEASON: Late November through April. Open 7 days, 5 nights a week.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 4-7 feet at the base; 7-10 feet on the summit.
BASE ELEVATION: 4,600 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 6,770 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 2,170 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: 41 runs on 33 miles of ski terrain on the Flathead National Forest; 25% beginner, 55% intermediate, 20% expert.
LONGEST RUN: 2.5 miles.
LIFTS: 4 triple chairs, 2 double chairs, 1 T-bar, 1 platter lift.
LIFT CAPACITY: 9,896 skiers per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: $18/adult/day; $11/child/day. Groups are invited to inquire about special rates. Credit cards accepted.

LESSONS: $23 for two 2-hour lessons, $30 for one 1-hour private lesson.
RENTALS: Complete sales & rental shop. Rates $12/day adults; children 6 & under, ½ price; 3- and 5-consecutive day packages available.
FACILITIES: Lodging for over 1,500 on the mountain ranges from comfortable to deluxe with a heated pool, hot tubs, saunas. Lounges, restaurants, photo shop, day care center and grocery store are all at the base of The Big Mountain Full services in the nearby towns of Whitefish, Kalispell and Columbia Falls.
PACKAGES: 1) 2 nights/2 days, from $77-112/person, double occupancy, including 2 nights lodging, 2 days lifts. 2) 5 nights/5 days, from $184-275/person, double occupancy, including 5 nights lodging, 5 days lifts. 3) Ski Week: 7 nights/6days, from $241-368/person, double occupancy, including 7 nights lodging, 6 days lifts. Special mid-week and low season rates available. Other packages also available.
EVENTS: Whitefish Winter Carnival, January 24-26; The Big Mountain/ Doug Betters Winter Classic, March 14-16; North American Ski/Yachting Championship, April 6-13.
SKI TOURING: A mapped, 3-mile trail starts from the top of Tenderfoot Chairlift. Additional touring nearby in the Flathead National Forest and Glacier National Park. Rentals are available at The Big Mountain Ski Shop.
NEW THIS YEAR: A whole new mountainside for the '85-'86 season. New triple chair servicing 8 miles of new groomed terrain and trails. New 12,000 square foot mountaintop restaurant servicing both the north and south slopes.



NEW TRIPLE CHAIR AND BACKSIDE!

BIG SKY OF MONTANA

LOCATION: 45 miles south of Bozeman, MT airport. Shuttles meet all flights, or rental cars are available. Big Sky is 18 miles north of Yellowstone National Park.
AREA INFORMATION: Write: Big Sky Resort, P.O. Box 1, Big Sky, MT 59716, or call (406) 995-4211 (in Montana) or 1-800-548-4486 (outside Montana).
SEASON: Thanksgiving through mid-April. Open daily.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: Over 400 inches.
BASE ELEVATION: 7,500 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 9,800 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 2,800 feet.

TRAILS & SLOPES: 25% beginner, 50% intermediate, 25% advanced. 55 miles of alpine trails.
LONGEST RUN: 3 miles.
LIFTS: 2 gondolas, 1 triple chair, 3 double chairs, 1 rope tow.
LIFT CAPACITY: 7,400 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: Regular and Christmas Season: $21/day/adult; $10/day/child. Low Season: $12/day/adult; $8/day/child.

RENTALS: $9-15/day, adults and children. Discounts available for 5 or more consecutive days. Complete sales and rental shop.
LESSONS: $15 for 2-hour group; $30 for 1-hour private. Other rates available for group lessons and rentals.
FACILITIES: Hundreds of condominium units along with the 204-room Huntley Lodge. The Big Sky area has 15 restaurants ranging from deli to gourmet, 11 bars, many with live entertainment, heated pool, jacuzzis, saunas; certified ski patrol, ski school featuring Austrian as well as American instructors, snowmaking equipment, ski sales and rentals.

PACKAGES: ITCATM-BURBS7, 7 nights lodging and 6 days all area lift ticket. The following rates are quoted for double occupancy, standard room in the Huntley Lodge at the base of the lifts. Six-day consecutive lift tickets include 1 free ski lesson on the first day of skiing. Children under 13 stay free in parents' room; add $56 for 6-day lift pass. Regular Season: $399.50/person, double occupancy (1/25/86 to 3/29/86). Low Season: $343.50/person, double occupancy (opening to 12/20/85 and 1/5/86 to 1/24/86 and 3/30/86 to closing). Christmas Holiday: $455.50/person, double occupancy (12/21/85 to 1/4/86).
EVENTS: Western Winter Carnival, January 17, 18, 19. Oly Days Spring Carnival, April 11, 12, 13. Lone Peak Lookout Super Triathlon Race, April 6.
SKI TOURING: 13 nordic trails offering 45 miles of nordic skiing at the Lone Mountain Guest Ranch.

FREE LESSON WITH 6-DAY TICKET!

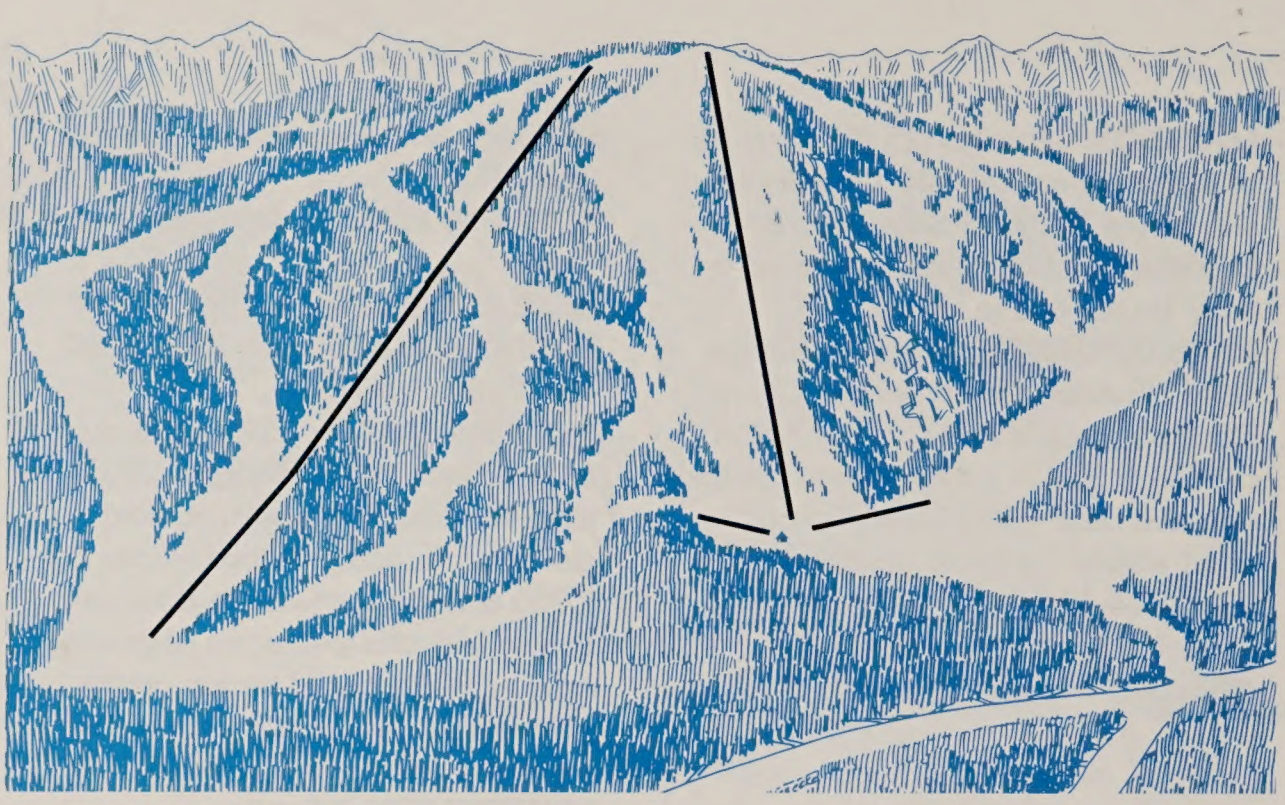
BRIDGER BOWL

LOCATION: 16 miles (25 minutes) NE of Bozeman on Hwy. 86. On the east side of the Bridger Range. Fly into Bozeman, and take limo, car rental or daily shuttle bus to ski area.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Bridger Bowl Ski Area, 15795 Bridger Canyon Rd., Bozeman, MT 59715. For lodging, call (406) 587-2111 from Montana and Canada; call 1-800-223-9609 from other states. For snow conditions, call (406) 586-2389.

EVENTS: Torchlight Parade and Fireworks Display, December 27; Spring Fling, March 15-16; Easter Sunrise Service, March 30.
SKI TOURING: Crosscut Ranch has 20 km of groomed trails, $9 per day for trail fee and rentals.

SEASON: Mid-December to mid-April. Open daily.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 400 inches.
BASE ELEVATION: 6,200 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 8,200 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 2,000 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: 25% beginner, 45% intermediate and 30% expert. More than 40 runs, with bowls, powder glades, trails and groomed slopes on 2,000 acres in the Gallatin National Forest. Includes 240 acres of groomed runs on 800 acres of terrain readily accessible from the lifts, plus special grooming on the novice slopes.
LONGEST RUN: 2.5 miles.
LIFTS: 5 double chairs, 1 tow, 1 bar.
LIFT CAPACITY: 6,200 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: Adults, $15; children, $7; senior citizens, $10.
LESSONS: Group lessons, $11/hour; private lessons, $22/hour. P.S.I.A. certified instructors.
RENTALS: Complete package for $12/day at the mountain; other facilities available in Bozeman.
FACILITIES: Base day lodge; Deer Park Coffee Haus, mid-mountain; Crosscut Ranch sleeps 45; Bridger Pines Condos; two full-service restaurants on the mountain; full range of facilities in Bozeman.
PACKAGES: 1) 7 nights/6 days: $212 to $541/person, double occupancy. 2) 4 nights/3 days: $130 to $178/person, double occupancy. All packages include lodging, skiing, one group lesson, half-price movie tickets.

PACKAGES START AT $130/4 NIGHTS!



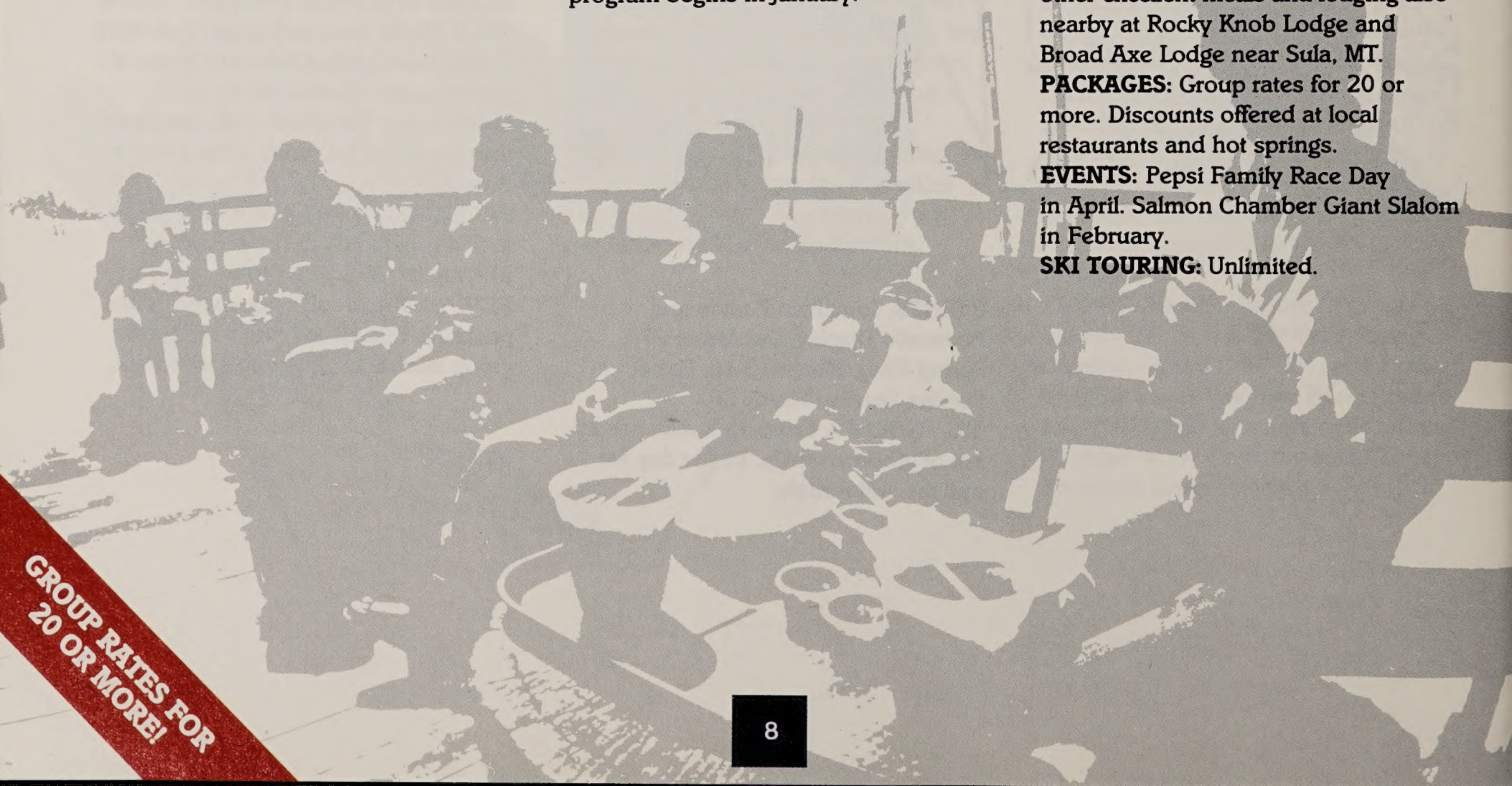
LOST TRAIL SKI AREA

LOCATION: 90 miles south of Missoula, 50 miles south of Hamilton, and 46 miles north of Salmon, Idaho. On U.S. 93 at the Montana/Idaho border.
AREA INFORMATION: Write P.O. Box 191, Darby, MT 59829, or call (406) 821-3211.
SEASON: December through May 1. Open Thursday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 300 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 6,600 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 7,800 feet.

VERTICAL DROP: 1,300 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** 12 trails on the Bitterroot National Forest. 20% beginner, 50% intermediate, 30% advanced. **LONGEST RUN:** 1.5 miles. **LIFTS:** 2 double chairs, 2 rope tows. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 900 skiers per hour.

LIFT TICKETS: All-day adult, $11; half-day adult, $8; all-day child (12 and under), $6; half-day child, $5; rope tow, $3.
LESSONS: Lost Trail has a ski patrol and P.S.I.A. certified ski school. Please inquire about individual and special group rates. A 7-week ski school program begins in January.

RENTALS: Ski rental shop available with package or separate rates. Complete line of accessories for sale.
FACILITIES: Day lodge on mountain with hot food and friendly atmosphere. Accommodations with swimming, a jacuzzi and sauna are available at Lost Trail Resort just 6 miles north, with other excellent meals and lodging also nearby at Rocky Knob Lodge and Broad Axe Lodge near Sula, MT.
PACKAGES: Group rates for 20 or more. Discounts offered at local restaurants and hot springs.
EVENTS: Pepsi Family Race Day in April. Salmon Chamber Giant Slalom in February.
SKI TOURING: Unlimited.

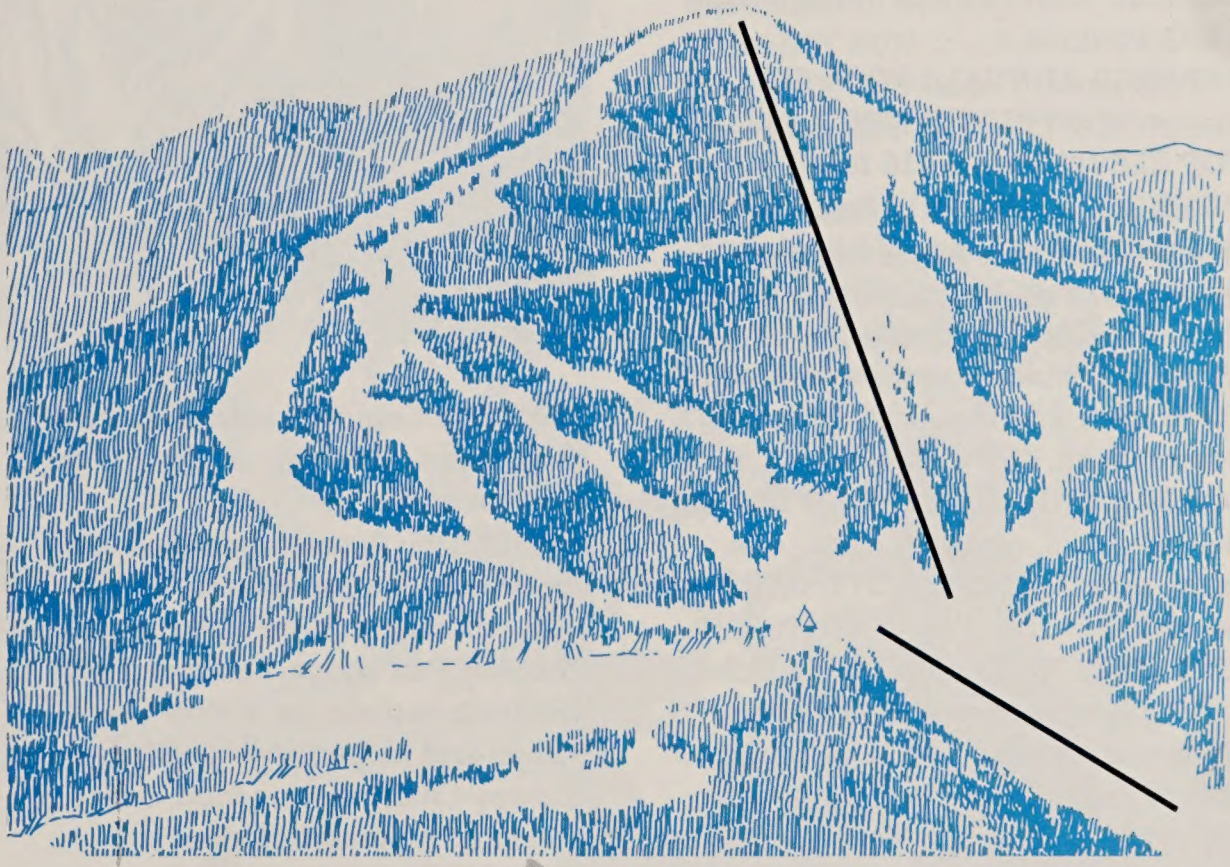


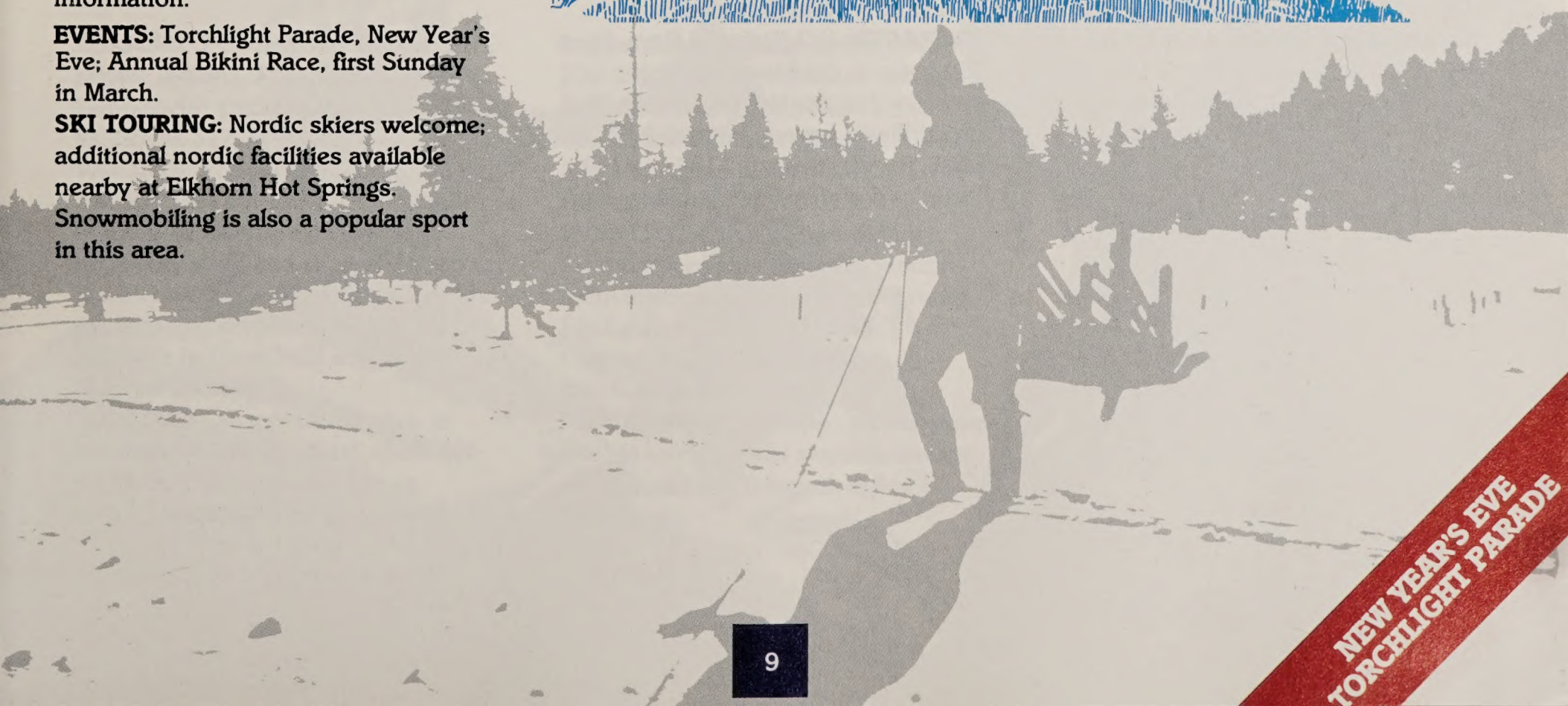
GROUP RATES FOR 20 OR MORE!

MAVERICK MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: 38 miles northwest of Dillon on Hwy. 278 in southwestern Montana. Fly to Butte and travel to ski area by rental car or chartered bus service.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Maverick Mountain, 101 North Montana Street, Dillon, MT 59725. For lodging call (406) 683-4521 off season; (406) 834-3454 in season between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. For snow conditions, dial either number.
SEASON: December 1 to Easter. Open Thursday through Sunday and holidays.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 140 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 7,500 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 9,220. **VERTICAL DROP:** 1,720 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** Maverick has seven trails covering 12 miles on the Beaverhead National Forest. 20% novice, 40% intermediate, 40% expert.

LONGEST RUN: 2.25 miles. **LIFTS:** One double chair; one pony lift. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 700 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: All-day adult, $13; all-day junior, $11. Groups inquire about special rates. For groups of 100 or more the hill is available for private skiing Monday through Wednesday.
LESSONS: Maverick has a ski patrol and certified ski school with 14 instructors.
RENTALS: Quality rentals available.
FACILITIES: Newly remodeled lodge at the mountain with cafeteria and wine room. Hot springs, two restaurants, and lodging nearby.
PACKAGES: Group rates available for 25 or more. Please inquire for more information.
EVENTS: Torchlight Parade, New Year's Eve; Annual Bikini Race, first Sunday in March.
SKI TOURING: Nordic skiers welcome; additional nordic facilities available nearby at Elkhorn Hot Springs. Snowmobiling is also a popular sport in this area.





NEW YEAR'S EVE TORCHLIGHT PARADE

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: U.S. 212, 60 miles south of Billings. Fly to Billings, Montana's largest city, and take a rental car to Red Lodge.
AREA INFORMATION: For information and snow conditions, write Red Lodge Mountain, Drawer R, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or call (406) 446-2610. In-state, for reservations and additional information, call (406) 446-2503; out-of-state, call toll-free 1-800-468-8977.
SEASON: November 23 through April 13. Open daily.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 250 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 7,400 feet.
TOP ELEVATION: 9,416 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 2,016 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** Red Lodge Mountain has 30 slopes, trails and open meadows on the Custer National Forest in Montana's fabled Beartooth Mountains. Trails cover 25 miles. 15% novice, 60% intermediate, 25% expert.
LONGEST RUN: 2.5 miles. **LIFTS:** Four double chairs, one triple chair, one mitey-mite. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 6,690 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: All-day adult lift ticket is $15 on weekends and weekdays. Groups are invited to inquire about special rates. Credit cards accepted.
LESSONS: Red Lodge Mountain has a ski patrol and a certified ski school with 50 instructors. Rates: $11 for 90-minute group; $19.50 for one-hour private; $26 for Adult Learner's Package (all-day lift, 90-minute lesson, complete rental package).

RENTALS: Complete sales and rental shop. Rates: $11/day, adults; $7/day, children under 12.
FACILITIES: Accommodations and restaurants run the full range at the foot of the mountain in the lively, western village of Red Lodge. Facilities at the mountain include the Willow Creek Saloon and Cafeteria at base lodge; the Midway Chalet serving food, beer and wine; and a Summit House.
PACKAGES: 1) 2 Nights/3 Days: From $80/person, double occupancy. Includes 2 nights lodging, 3 days lifts. 2) Ski Week: January Special, $135 to $175; Regular Season, $154 to $240. Includes 6 nights lodging, 5 days lifts.

EVENTS: Winter Carnival, March 8-9 (3 day package, $80; 5 day package, $175).
SKI TOURING: U.S. Forest Service trails at base of mountain on the West Fork. Nordic downhillers welcome on mountain.

2 NIGHTS/3 DAYS FROM $80!

SHOWDOWN SKI AREA

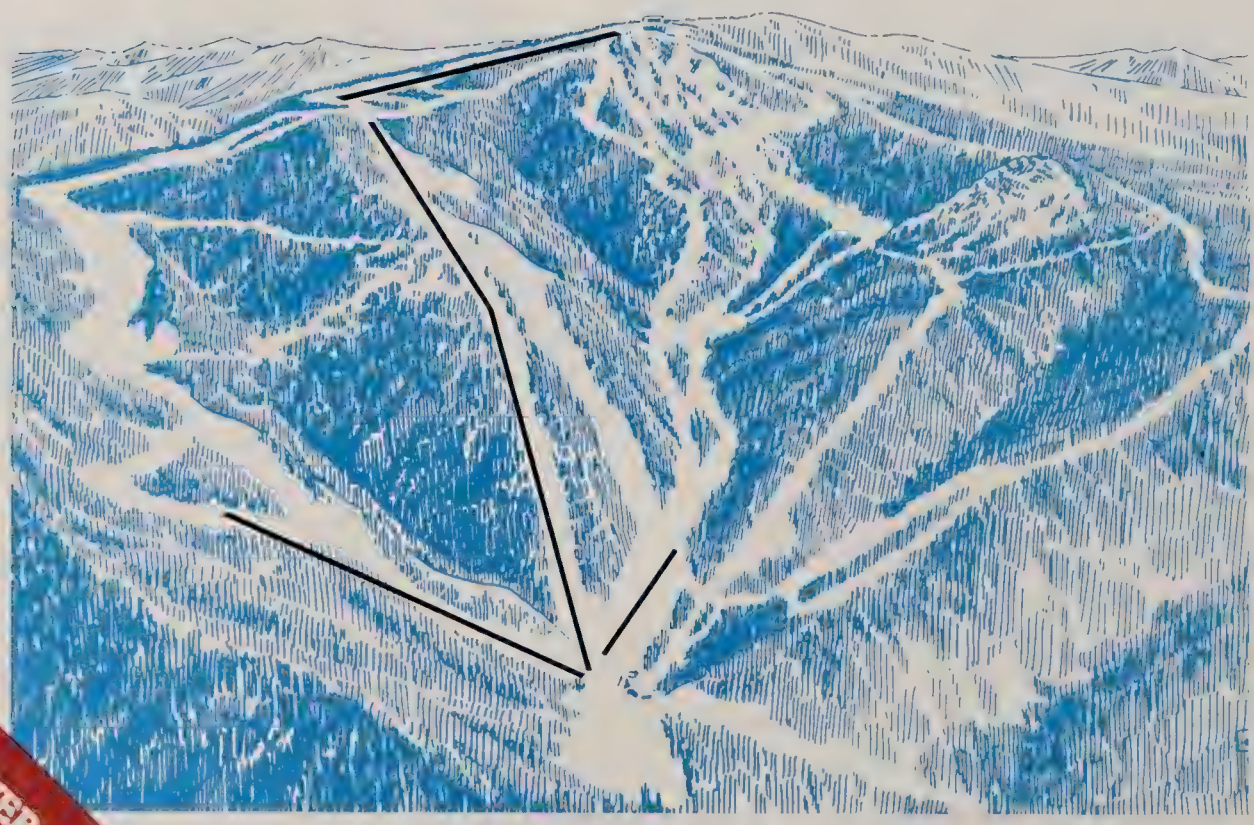
LOCATION: U.S. Highway 89, 8 miles south of Neihart and 60 miles southeast of Great Falls. Weekend and holiday ski bus departs from the Sheraton Great Falls Inn.

AREA INFORMATION: Write Showdown Ski Area, Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465. For information and snow report, call (406) 236-5522.
SEASON: November 16 through April 13. Open Wednesday through Sunday and all holidays.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 300 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 6,800 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 8,200 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 1,400 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** 28 runs of forest-lined trails, open slopes and glades on the Lewis & Clark National Forest. 40% novice, 40% intermediate, 20% expert.
LONGEST RUN: 2 miles. **LIFTS:** 1 triple chair, 1 double chair, 1 poma-lift, 1 rope tow. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 3,000 per hour.
LIFT TICKETS: All-day, all-area ski ticket is $13. Children 8 and under ski free. Inquire about group rates. Visa and Mastercard accepted.

LESSONS: 2-hour group lessons, $10; private lessons, $18/hour. Complete Learn-to-Ski packages are available for as little as $17.
RENTALS: $11 per day.
FACILITIES: Full-service cafeteria, Hole in the Wall Saloon, ski repair and accessory shop and ski rental shop on the mountain. Certified ski school and professional ski patrol. Lodging is available in Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs.
LODGING: Call motels for rates. In Monarch: Rocking J Motel, (406) 236-5334; St. Thomas Camp (group facility), (406) 236-5385. In Neihart: Neihart School (group facility), (406) 236-5923. In White Sulphur Springs: Foxwood Inn, (406) 547-3918. In Great Falls: Rainbow Hotel, (406) 727-8200; Sheraton Hotel, (406) 727-7200; Heritage Inn, (406) 761-1900.
EVENTS: Coca Cola Sport Skiing Slalom, every Saturday and Sunday; Montana Special Olympics, February; Firefighters Challenge, March; Corporate Cup and Belt Creek Headwaters Relay, April.
SKI TOURING: Unlimited cross country and ski touring trails available nearby, some groomed. Telemark skiing at Showdown.

SNOW BOWL SKI AREA

LOCATION: 12 miles northwest of Missoula. Take Reserve Street exit off I-90, then north on Grant Creek Road for 4 miles, then right on Snow Bowl Road for 6 miles.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Montana Snow Bowl, 1700 Snow Bowl Road, Missoula, MT 59802, or call (406) 549-9777.
SEASON: Early December through mid-April. Open 6 days a week, Wednesday-Monday.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 300 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 5,000 feet. **TOP ELEVATION:** 7,600 feet. **VERTICAL DROP:** 2,600 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** More than 25 runs, trails and open bowls. Located in the Lolo National Forest adjoining the Rattlesnake Wilderness Area. 20% beginner and novice, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced and expert.
LONGEST RUN: 3 miles. **LIFTS:** 2 double chairs, 1 T-bar, 1 rope tow. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 2,600 per hour. **LIFT TICKETS:** Weekends and holidays: $13/adult/day; $8/child/day. Weekdays: $11/adult/day; $7/child/day. Senior citizen, student and half-day rates available.
LESSONS: P.S.I.A. certified instructors. $10 for a 1½-hour adult group lesson; $18 for a 1-hour adult private lesson. Special package and children's rates available.
RENTALS: Complete package of alpine skiing equipment for $10/day. Separate rates available. Ski accessories for sale.
FACILITIES: Base day lodge with full service cafeteria, 2 warming huts on the upper mountain, Last Run Saloon, rental shop, ski school, Professional and National Ski Patrol. Lodging and restaurants available in Missoula.
PACKAGES: Available upon request.
EVENTS: Weekly citizen racing; holiday special events; spring fling with outdoor barbeque; The State Gelande Championship; U.S. Ski Association Hellgate Cup, February 22-23; Winter Star Jubilee, February 8-9.
SKI TOURING: Telemark skiers welcome.



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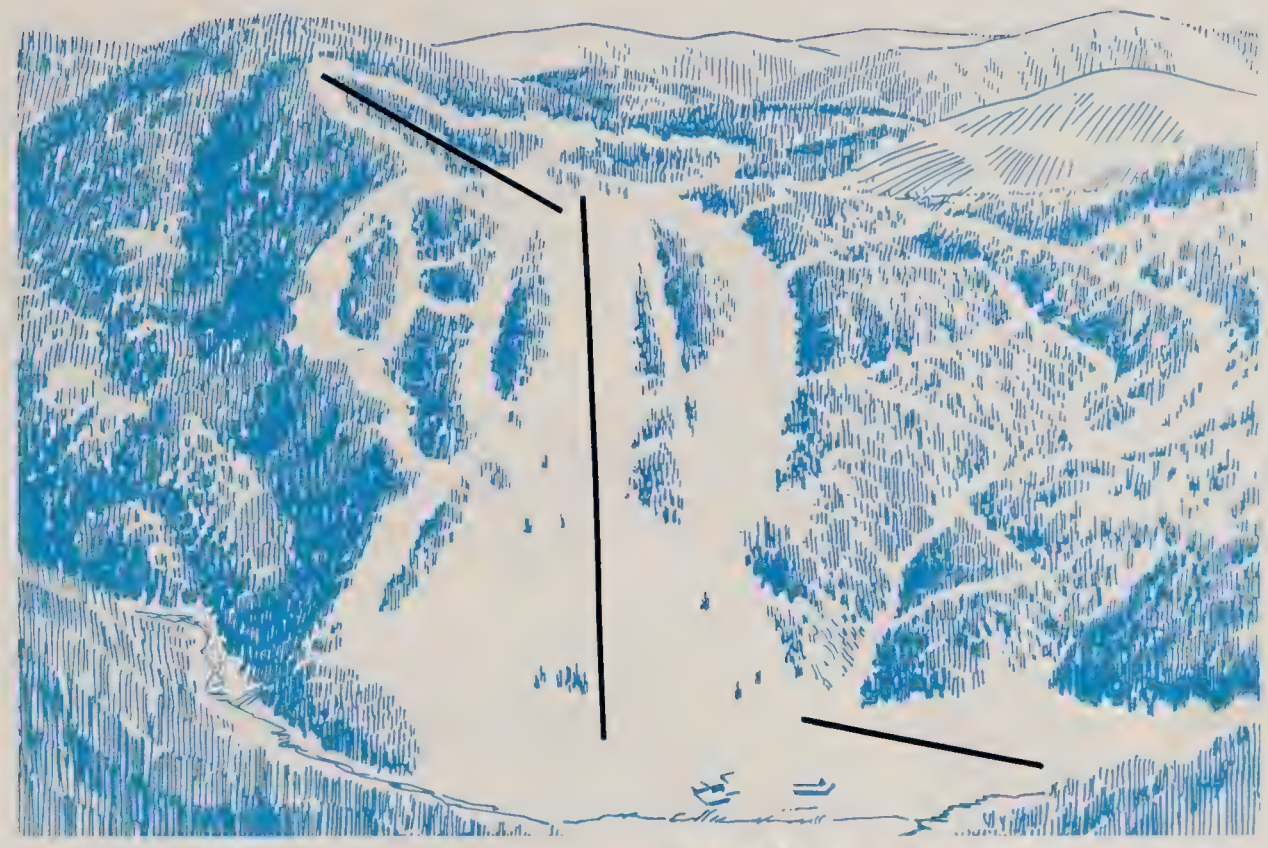
FEB. 8th & 9th!

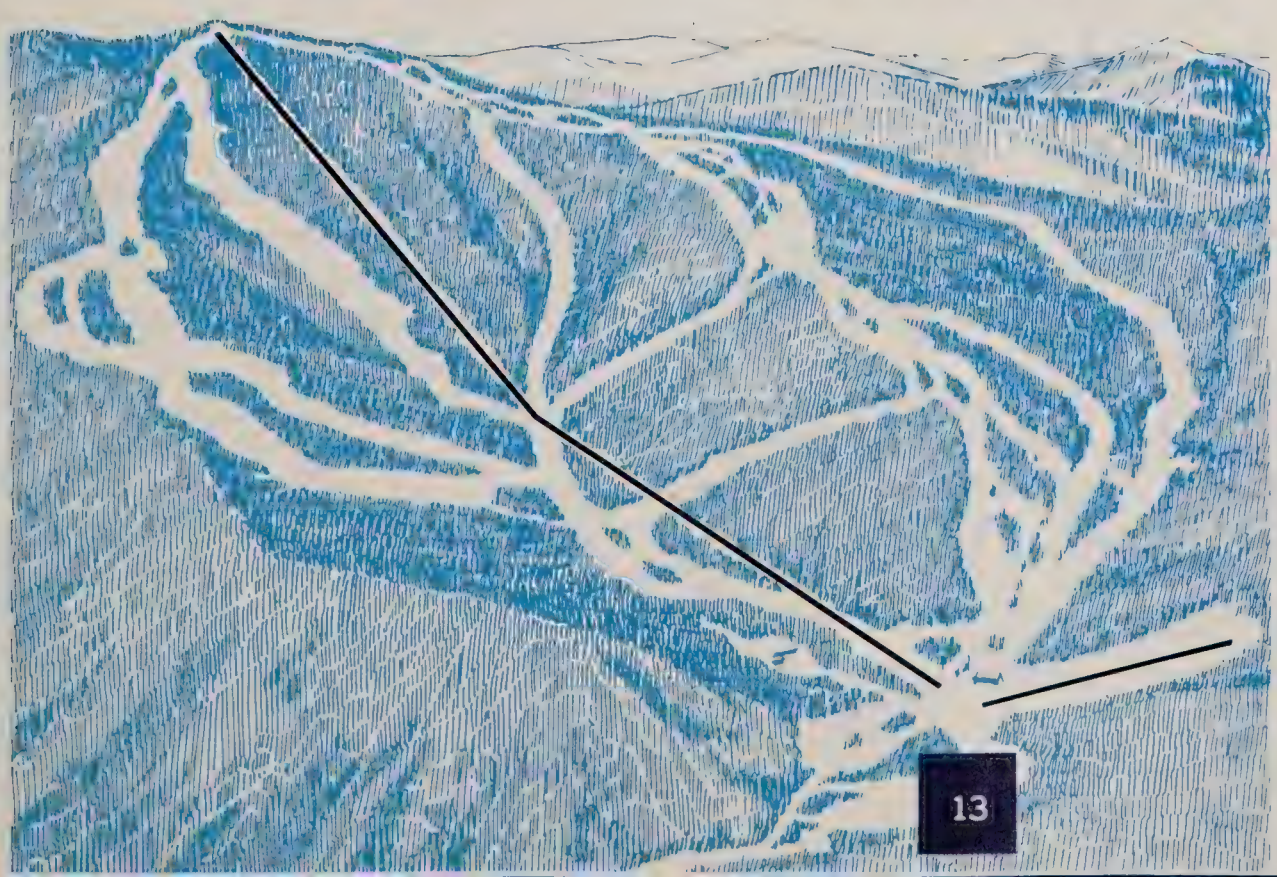
MARSHALL SKI AREA



LOCATION: 7 miles from the heart of Missoula, 4 miles east of I-90 on Highway 200 and 3 miles north on Marshall Canyon Road.
AREA INFORMATION: Write 5250 Marshall Canyon Road, Missoula, MT 59802, or call (406) 258-6619.
SEASON: December through March. Open 6 days and 5 nights a week.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 150 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 3,900 feet.
TOP ELEVATION: 5,400 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 1,500 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: Marshall has seven runs covering five miles on the Lolo National Forest. 10% beginner, 74% intermediate, 16% advanced.
LONGEST RUN: 7,000 feet. **LIFTS:** 1 triple chair, 1 T-bar, 2 ropes. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 2,900 per hour. **LIFT TICKETS:** Adult all-lift day, $11; student all-lift day, $9; adult all-lift night, $7; student all-lift night, $6.
LESSONS: $10 for 1½-hour group; $15 for 1-hour private.
RENTALS: Skis: $6.50; boots: $4; poles: $1.50; set: $9.
FACILITIES: Night skiing, ski school, ski patrol, snowmaking equipment, ski rental, snack bar, two day lodges, beer & wine bar. There is a full range of facilities and services in nearby Missoula.
PACKAGES: Available upon request.
EVENTS: USSA Don Squire Race, January 4-5; Coca-Cola Sport Skiing, Thursday nights and Sunday afternoons; Lite Pro-Am Wednesday nights; Coors/Trailhead Telemark Series, Tuesday nights. **SKI TOURING:** Available .

DISCOVERY SKI AREA

LOCATION: 20 miles west of Anaconda, 45 miles west of Butte on Highway 10A. Fly to Butte and take rental car to Discovery.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Discovery Ski Area, P.O. Box 221, Anaconda, MT 59711, or call (406) 563-2184.
SEASON: Thanksgiving through Easter. Open seven days a week.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 200 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 6,850 feet.
TOP ELEVATION: 8,150 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 1,300 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** 25% novice, 50% intermediate, 25% advanced. 100 acres of slopes on Deer Lodge National Forest.
LONGEST RUN: 2 miles. **LIFTS:** 1 double chair, 2 beginner lifts. **LIFT CAPACITY:** 1,200 skiers per hour. **LIFT TICKETS:** $12, adults; $6, 12 years and younger; group rates available. Credit cards accepted.
LESSONS: $18 all-day lessons, private lessons $20 per hour, special ski school for children 7 years and younger.
RENTALS: $10 per day, all sizes available.
FACILITIES: Day lodge and bar at area, lodging at Georgetown Lake Lodge 5 miles away, Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 25 miles.
PACKAGES: Available upon request.
EVENTS: Fun races every Saturday.
SKI TOURING: Cross country ski rental and instruction, several miles of groomed cross country trails.



BEEF TRAIL

LOCATION: Eight miles southwest of Butte.
AREA INFORMATION: Write 2900 Sheridan, Butte, MT 59701, or call (406) 494-7000 or 782-5251.
SEASON: Late November to April. Open weekends, holidays and Christmas through New Year's: 11 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday nights: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.
BASE ELEVATION: 6,000 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 800 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: Open runs for beginners and intermediates on machine-packed slopes.
LIFTS: T-bar and a rope tow. **LIFT TICKETS:** Adults: $6 days; $4 nights. Students: $4 days; $2 nights.
LESSONS: Four lessons, $20,or $6 each.
RENTALS: Alpine, $10; Nordic, $8.
FACILITIES: Chalet with a snack bar; snowmaking equipment.
EVENTS: City Tournament, first weekend in February (2 days of racing events, unsanctioned).
SKI TOURING: Unlimited nordic skiing with some groomed trails.

BELMONT

LOCATION: 25 miles northwest of Helena on Hwy. 279, then 1.5 miles above the ghost town of Marysville on a well-plowed road.
AREA INFORMATION: Write 5120 Hidden Valley Drive, Helena, MT 59601. During winter, call (406) 443-9953 Thursday through Sunday.
SEASON: Mid-December through mid-April. Open 9:30 - 4 Thursday through Sunday. Open daily through Christmas holidays and all holidays during season.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 130 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 5,800 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 1,500 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** Variety of slopes. Four trails, two open slopes. Up to 1 mile in length. 20% beginner, 55% intermediate, 25% expert.
LIFTS: 1 T-bar, 1 poma lift, 2 rope tows. **LIFT TICKETS:** $9 adults, $6 juniors for all day; $7 adults, $4 juniors for half-day.
LESSONS: $8 for class lessons; $10/person/hour for private lessons.
RENTALS: Available in Helena; none at the area.
FACILITIES: Day lodge with food. Warming hut at the top of the mountain.
SKI TOURING: In the area, but no groomed trails or patrols.

DEEP CREEK

LOCATION: 43 miles southwest of Butte on Hwy. 274.
AREA INFORMATION: Write the area at Wise River, MT 59762, or call (406) 832-3313.
SEASON: Mid-December to April 1.
AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL: 50 inches. **BASE ELEVATION:** 6,080 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 837 feet. **TRAILS & SLOPES:** 5 miles, beginner to expert.
LIFTS: 1 T-Bar. **LIFT TICKETS:** $7.
LESSONS: By appointment.
FACILITIES: Snack bar.
SKI TOURING: Available, but no rentals.

TETON PASS

LOCATION: This friendly, family-oriented ski area is 32 miles northwest of Choteau, off Highways 89 and 287, with route clearly marked.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Box 727, Choteau, MT 59422, or call (406) 466-2672 or after October 1 call (406) 467-2789
SEASON: Thanksgiving to Easter. Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.
BASE ELEVATION: 6,000 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 1,200 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: 6 beginner, 9 intermediate, all machine packed; 6 expert — 1 packed and 5 powder. In excess of 7-8 miles of trails.
LIFTS: Double chair, poma, mitey-mite.
LIFT TICKETS: $9 adult; $5.50 student.
LESSONS: Individual, group and GLM packages.
RENTALS: Rental, repair and sales shop. Rates: $10/day for complete rental package.
FACILITIES: Day lodge with eating area and bar. Lodging available in Choteau or at the 7 Lazy P Dude Ranch, phone (406) 466-2044.
EVENTS: Winter Carnival, January; Fun Day, early April.
SKI TOURING: 15 miles of groomed trails. Volunteer ski patrol. Limited rentals. No sales of equipment.

WRAITH HILL

LOCATION: 12 miles west of Anaconda, off Hwy. 10A.
AREA INFORMATION: Write 1914 Haggin Avenue, Anaconda, MT 59711, or call (406) 563-3395 or 563-3483.
SEASON: Christmas through March.
BASE ELEVATION: Around 6,000 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: Trails from beginner to expert.
LIFTS: One self-loading T-bar; one rope tow on beginner's slope.
LIFT TICKETS: $5 for all-day pass; $2 for beginners on rope tow.
FACILITIES: Snack bar.
SKI TOURING: Available from the area, but no groomed trails or rentals.

TURNER MOUNTAIN

LOCATION: 22 miles north of Libby on Pipe Creek Road.
AREA INFORMATION: Write Box 210, Libby, MT 59923, or call (406) 293-7531.
SEASON: December 1 - April 1, weekends, holidays and Christmas vacation. Hours 9:00-4:00.
BASE ELEVATION: 3,800 feet.
VERTICAL DROP: 2,100 feet.
TRAILS & SLOPES: High intermediate and expert. Excellent powder area, with lots of glade skiing. One run is 5,600 feet long. Five additional runs.
LIFTS: One T-bar, 5,600 feet long. **LIFT TICKETS:** $9/day, $7/half-day; children's rates available.
LESSONS: Available.
FACILITIES: Snack bar. Lodging in nearby Libby.
EVENTS: Crazy Days, late March.
SKI TOURING: There are no groomed trails at Turner Mountain, but there is excellent touring around the area with rentals available in Libby.

WINTER IN MONTANA

We roll out the white carpet in Montana — all winter long. Under our Big Sky, you'll discover what a winter vacation can be, with just the right mix of spirited adventure and warm, western hospitality.

"Ski Montana" is a natural — whether you're here for downhill thrills at one of our big, full-service resorts, or the more relaxed charm and serenity of the "skinny skis" experience. Add the special thrills of snowmobile adventure, wildlife in pristine winter surroundings, and the breathtaking Rocky Mountain vistas in every direction — and you have a winter vacation made in Montana, made for you!

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CROSS COUNTRY . . . FOR THE FUN OF IT!

Winter in Montana is more than the downhill experience. Cross country is an art here — we have more wilderness, more wildlife in natural winter surroundings, more backcountry solitude and peace than almost anywhere else.

In Montana, you can set your own pace for a rich variety of outdoor activities — moonlight sleigh rides, snowcoach touring in Yellowstone National Park, cross country tours complete with guides and gourmet al fresco dining, groomed and marked trails for your own exploring, snowmobile routes designed for adventure.

We'll complete the experience with accommodations to warm you in body and spirit — rustic guest ranches, country inns, hot springs lodges and full-service resorts.

For the winter getaway of your dreams, look no further than Montana — **naturally inviting!**

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

LOCATION: Yellowstone National Park, located in south central Montana and the northwestern corner of Wyoming. Fly to Bozeman, Montana. TW Services' buses service Mammoth Hot Springs, which is 80 miles away.
AREA INFORMATION: Use our toll-free winter number 1-800-421-3401 or write Marketing & Sales, TW Services, Inc., Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.
SEASON: December 20, 1985 through March 16, 1986. **AVERAGE ANNUAL SNOWFALL:** 150 inches.
AVERAGE PARK ELEVATION: 7,000' is the average elevation with mountain highs of 11,000'; and lower areas of 5,800'. Mammoth Hot Springs is 6,300' above sea level.
TOTAL PARK AREA: 3,400 square miles of protected park lands providing vistas of indescribable beauty. Thermal features, wild animals, mountains, lakes, etc. "Have we got the country to cross."
GROOMED AND TRACKED TRAILS: 37 miles (59.2 km's). **SKIED IN TRACK:** 100 miles (160 km's).
BACKCOUNTRY TRAILS: Miles and miles.
GUIDE SERVICE: All day, two or more people, $35 per person. Half day, two or more people, $20 per person.
SKI INSTRUCTION: Two hours, $12 per person, each additional hour per person — $6. Private lessons, two hours, $20 per person.
SKI RENTALS: Includes skis, boots, poles, gaiters, half-day — $8; full day — $11 per person.
FACILITIES: Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel is a vintage facility with all rooms housed in a four-story wing and Aspen Lodge. Beautiful newly renovated dining room, fast food facility and lounge. No phones or TV; really a great getaway spot.
PACKAGE: 7 days/6 nights: $195 per person, double occupancy. Includes six nights, room with bath, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, two nights optional at Old Faithful Snow Lodge, based on availability; round trip bus transportation, Bozeman, Montana airport to Mammoth Hot Springs and return; welcome basket in room on arrival; wake-up coffee or tea delivered to your door daily (with morning newspaper when available); snowcoach tour of the park or round-trip snowcoach to Old Faithful Snow Lodge, horsedrawn sleigh or wagon ride around Mammoth area; half day of ice skating, guest's choice of day; discount coupons on ski rentals and guided ski tours (minimum of four people for tours).
DATES: Package available Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, December 20, 1985 through March 16, 1986.
For reservations write to TW Services, Inc., Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 or call 1-800-421-3401.
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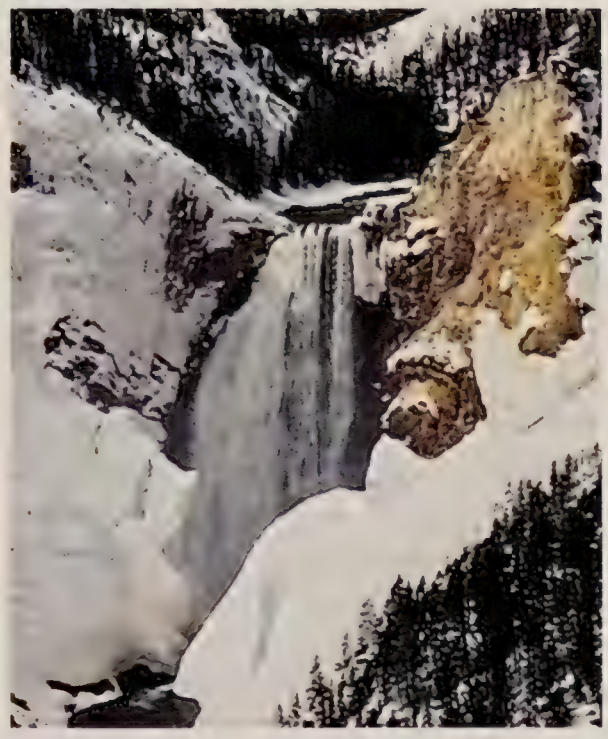

BEAR CREEK GUEST RANCH

Located on the edge of Glacier National Park off Highway 2, Bear Creek Ranch offers miles of untracked powder in both Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness. Groomed trails also available. You can ski from the Continental Divide across some of the most breathtaking country right to the front door of the ranch with our shuttles to the Divide free. In the evening our guests warm themselves around a huge fireplace after a dinner of fine, homecooked food. Ski rentals available. Rates are from $66 per couple in the lodge, $88 per couple in cabins. Free shuttles from Glacier Airport in Kalispell or Amtrak in Whitefish. Phone (406) 226-4489. Reservations are required.

CROSSCUT RANCH

Just 15 miles north of Bozeman at the base of Bridger Bowl, the Crosscut offers the best of both worlds: groomed, nordic trails and great alpine skiing at nearby Bridger Bowl. Write the Crosscut at P.O. Box 398, Bozeman, MT 59715 or call (406) 587-3122 for more information. At the ranch, ski more than 20 km of nordic trails, groomed daily. The ski shop carries nordic rental equipment and a P.S.I.A. certified ski school offers lessons and special programs for adults and children. In the evening, relax near a crackling fire in the lodge or take a moonlight sleighride. Rates are $45/night for two, plus $7.50 for each additional person in a room; $40/night for two for stays of three nights or longer. Children under 12 stay free, group rates are also available and the ranch facilities including sauna, ski trails, sleigh rides and entertainment are also available.
Transportation to and from Bridger Bowl and Bozeman airline and bus terminals.

GROUSE MOUNTAIN LODGE

Located next door to The Big Mountain ski area, Grouse Mountain Lodge is a natural for both downhill and cross-country skiing. The Grouse Mountain Touring Center offers prepared track, lighted night skiing, and unmatched views of the Flathead Valley and Glacier National Park (only 25 miles away). The Lodge has a restaurant and lounge, banquet facilities, licensed gambling, indoor swimming pool, sauna, indoor and outdoor whirlpools. Deluxe loft units with kitchenettes and deluxe suites are available; group rates are also available. Complimentary transportation to and from Glacier International Airport and the Amtrak train depot are provided. Rates: $60-70 per night, single or double occupancy, $10 each additional, children under 12 free. Contact Grouse Mountain Lodge, 1205 Highway 93 West, Whitefish, MT 59937, (406) 862-3000, or 1-800-321-8822 outside Montana.

HOLLAND LAKE LODGE

Located on Holland Lake in the spectacular Swan Valley between two wilderness areas, Holland Lake Lodge is 20 miles north of Seeley Lake just off Highway 83 in the Flathead National Forest. Phone (406) 754-2282 or write the Lodge at Condon, MT 59826 for reservations or information. Ski from mid-December to April on groomed and marked ski trails, clear-cuts for open sking, or on packed snowmobile trails and loop roads. You will find some of Montana's finest skiing in the Swan Valley. Accommodations in the warm and friendly log lodge or in winterized cabins are available by reservation. Enjoy fine dining in the Lake Room and relax by the fire in the comfortable lounge with your favorite drink. Ski equipment rental is available and guided ski trips can be arranged. Fly to Missoula or Kalispell and rent a car. Holland Lake Lodge is located halfway between the two.

IZAAK WALTON INN

On U.S. 2 midway between East and West Glacier. Ask the Montana operator for Essex #1, or write Box 653, Essex, MT 59916. Ski from Thanksgiving to April on 30 km's of free tracked and marked trails which originate from the Inn's front door . . . or plan a "winter tour" of Glacier National Park. The ungroomed trails in and around the Park, the Flathead National Forest or the Great Bear Wilderness supplement the Inn's system of trails and provide an opportunity for a true wilderness experience. Wax and rentals are available. Lodge rooms are in a historic railroad inn, $30/double occupancy. Advance reservations are required. Special features include a homestyle menu in the "Dining Car," a relaxing drink in the "Whistle Stop Lounge," or a Finnish sauna. A fireside chat or friendly game of cards in the spacious lobby exemplifies the family atmosphere. Northwest Orient, Frontier, Western and United serve Great Falls; Frontier, Western and Cascade serve Kalispell. Car rentals are available in these cities and at Whitefish. Amtrak flag stop available at Essex for parties of 5 or more. Contact Amtrak Group Reservation Desk for more information.

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

40 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park, at Big Sky. Phone (406) 995-4644, or write Box 145, Big Sky, MT 59716. Reservations are mandatory. Ski from early December to mid-April on 45 miles of meticulously groomed, tilled, and double-tracked ski trails. There are ranch-style accommodations for 45 in individual log cabins with fireplaces and private baths, and informally served gourmet meals in the historic dining hall. Naturalist-guided ski tours are organized three times a week into Yellowstone National Park and the Spanish Peaks, and overnight trips into Yellowstone can be arranged. A one-week package (7 nights) including all meals, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation and all ranch activities is $559 per person, double occupancy. Also included is a horse-drawn sleigh ride to the North Fork cabin, where you will enjoy dinner prepared on an old-fashioned wood stove, and every Friday, there is a spectacular on-the-snow gourmet lunch buffet. Evening entertainment, a bar, an outdoor, wood-fired hot tub, ski lessons, rentals and a complete nordic shop round out the full range of services offered. Northwest Orient, Frontier and Western serve Bozeman; from there, the ranch provides transportation. Lone Mountain celebrates Montana's winter season with five separate events: St. Nick's Nordic Festival, Dec. 15, a fun day with kids' games, relays, free nordic instruction and an open house; "The Viking's Revenge," Jan. 26, a junior Olympic qualifying race and a citizens Gold Cup race; the Mad Wolf Classic, March 16, a telemark and track race: U.S. Biathlon Team training camp, Dec. 8-20; and the Al Goldstein Memorial Biathlon Race, Dec. 14-15.

MONTANA DOUBLE DIAMOND GUEST RANCH

Located in the Swan Valley 40 miles north of Clearwater Junction between the 40 and 41 mile markers on Highway 83. Turn at the sign and drive one mile. Phone (406) 754-2351 or write Box 501, Condon, MT 59826. Reservations required. Ski from December to April on 10K well designed, groomed, marked trails, or unlimited U.S. Forest Service land, clearcut areas for open skiing, and many nearby areas for telemark skiing. Cabin accommodations and family-style dining, western bar, and new log sauna and exercise room. Open Spring 1986, new swim/spa/hot tub. Ski rentals and bar are extra. Write or call for brochure, rates and reservations. Fly Frontier, Western or Cascade to Kalispell; or Northwest, Frontier or Western to Missoula. Rent a car or arrange with the ranch for pick-up service.

TOBACCO ROOT RANCH

Nestled at 6000 feet in Mill Creek Canyon overlooking the Ruby Valley, Tobacoo Root Ranch Nordic Ski Center offers an unparalleled cross country skiing experience. Cabin accommodations with full baths, fireplaces, and porches overlooking cascading Mill Creek or the Rocky Mountain countryside. 15 kilometers of groomed trails and 15 kilometers of marked ungroomed trails offer challenges for every level of skier. Guest package includes a guided optional overnight in one of our backcountry yurts (a 20-foot-diameter wood heated solid floor tent). Advanced beginners to experts will enjoy the easy half day tour into the backcountry, a hearty meal, a comfortable night's stay in the yurt and then, the dramatic alpine ski tour the next day back to the trailhead. Guided ski tours are offered twice a week to alpine bowls, limitless telemark and powder skiing amidst 28 peaks over 10,000 feet. The ranch also offers an outdoor hot tub, sauna, ski lessons and a small nordic shop. Located 85 miles from Bozeman and 50 miles from Butte, Montana. Air service to Butte and Bozeman via Northwest, Western, Frontier, Big Sky and Cascade airlines. The Ranch offers free airport transportation. Seven nights accommodations, all meals, one night yurt trip (optional), one guided ski tour, and airport transportation are included in the basic rate of approximately $450 per person, double occupancy. Contact Tobacco Root Ranch, Mill Creek Road, Sheridan, MT 59749 or call (406) 842-5655.

SUNDANCE LODGE

Four miles west of Highway 274 between Wise River and Wisdom, off Highway 43. Phone (406) 689-3611, or write the lodge at Wise River, MT 59762. Ski from Thanksgiving through March in the adjacent Pintler Mountains and on 255 acres at the ranch. Rooms in the lodge are $40 per day for two; cabins are $46 to $50 per day. Approximately 25 km of ski trails groomed and tracked daily. Others groomed occasionally. No fee for registered guests. Dining room, bar, spa, and ski rentals. Fly to Butte and rent a car or ask for airport pickup.

CHICO HOT SPRINGS RESORT

26 miles south of Livingston and 29 miles north of Yellowstone National Park on U.S. 89. Turn at Emigrant. Phone (406) 333-4933, or write Chico Hot Springs at Pray, MT 59065. Take an all-day nordic ski trip into Yellowstone, tour Emigrant Gulch, ski 15 miles of marked national forest trails or ski right around the resort, from December to mid-April. Chico is famous throughout the region for its dining room. After a day on the trail and a superlative dinner, enjoy the mineral hot springs — one open pool and one enclosed. Accommodations range from deluxe condominiums to rooms in the old inn, Continental style with the bathroom down the hall. Rates range from $120 per night for a condominium that sleeps 10, to $37 double occupancy, for a room in the inn with a private bath, to $29 double occupancy, for a room with a bath down the hall. Fly to Bozeman via Northwest Orient, Frontier or Western and rent a car or arrange for pickup by Chico.

ELKHORN HOT SPRINGS RESORT

About 26 miles from Dillon on Highway 278. Turn on the marked road, then 13 miles. Phone (406) 834-3434, or write Box 514, Polaris, MT 59746. Ski from Thanksgiving to the end of March on 40 km of groomed cross-country trails laid out on a marked cloverleaf, or to the top of Comet Mountain, or to the old Elkhorn Mine. For experts, there's an on-your-own mountaineering trip to a ghost town. Guided overnight nordic trips can be arranged, by reservation only. No fee for trails. No snowmobiling is permitted on cross-country trails, but you can snowmobile on about one hundred miles of groomed logging roads. Rates in the cabins (no water) are $16 per night for two. Restaurant, bar, Grecian sauna. Two outdoor hot mineral pools. Fly Northwest or Western to Butte, and rent a car there.

JACKSON HOT SPRINGS LODGE

48 miles from Lost Trail Pass and 18 miles from Wisdom, on Highway 278. Phone (406) 834-3151, or write Box 808, Jackson, MT 59736. Ski from early November to mid-April on ungroomed ski trails in virgin country; also, separate snowmobile trails. No fee for skiing. Lodging in 18 cabins, 12 including fireplaces. No rentals or instruction. Cafe/bar. Swimming in large, enclosed, hot springs pool, included in room rate. Call or write for information about rates.

GOLD WEST TOURS

Invent your own independent winter package or group activity or try one of our pre-arranged packages. For help in planning a wide variety of Montana-style vacations, contact **GOLD WEST TOURS**, P.O. Box 349, Hamilton, MT 59840, (406) 363-6647. Gold West Tours has a variety of packages for winter activities of all kinds and represents many recreational properties as well. Our "Powder Chaser" snow guarantee ski package for spring break offers a choice of Montana's best ski areas with current snow conditions determining your final itinerary. Nordic and Alpine ski packages, from a day to a month or more, can be arranged at affordable prices. Our service is free to you! Call or write for more information about Montana mountain adventure packages or individualized planning assistance.

NOMADIC NORDIC

For a unique cross country ski service that provides organization, instruction and transportation of small groups (8-12), contact **NOMADIC NORDIC**, P.O. Box 30362, Billings, MT 59103, phone (406) 256-5886. Guests ski in Montana and northern Wyoming, including the Beartooth, Gallatin, Crazy Mountain, Big Horn and Pryor Ranges. The majority of trips are two-day weekends with day trips and extended backcountry tours available upon request for 3 or more persons. Trips are designed for the beginner and intermediate. Families are welcome. Guests stay in lodges and inns chosen to provide exceptional skiing, great scenery, comfortable country ambience and meals that are gourmet delights. Write for rate information and the calendar of events which outlines trip destinations and dates, beginning in December and continuing through July. Discounts are available for clubs and organizations.

JACKLIN'S RENDEZVOUS SKI SHOP

Jacklin's Rendezvous Ski Shop is located in West Yellowstone, snow capital of the U.S. and November headquarters of the U.S. Nordic Team. A full range of services is available from Jacklin's, including guides for sightseeing tours and backcountry trailbreaking, certified instructors for lessons, ski rentals, and a complete ski and accessory shop. Winter sports and accommodation information, trail maps, and trail and snow condition reports in the Yellowstone National Park area are complimentary. Contact **JACKLIN'S RENDEZVOUS SKI SHOP**, 105 Yellowstone Avenue,, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, (406) 646-7336.

YELLOWSTONE TOUR AND TRAVEL

To experience the solitude, the sheer magnificence of Yellowstone National Park in the winter, there's no better way than astride a snowmobile. For a variety of snowmobiling adventures in the Yellowstone area, contact **YELLOWSTONE TOUR & TRAVEL**, P.O. Box 369, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 1-800-221-1151 (in Montana, 1-646-9310). Here you can rent snowmobiles and take off for Old Faithful, the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, Mammoth Hot Springs, and other scenic areas in the park. Outside the park, 14,000 square miles of national forest area are available for both on and off-trail riding. Packages vary in length from four to seven days including accommodations, snowmobile use, guide service and snowmobile clothing. Day rentals of snowmobiles and clothing is also available. All machines feature handlebar warmers and luggage carriers. Packages for Yellowstone National Park riding are available from December 18, 1985 through March 12, 1986; earlier and later dates may be arranged for other areas.

YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITIONS

For a unique adventure experience in Yellowstone National Park, contact **YELLOWSTONE EXPEDITIONS**, P.O. Box 865, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, or call (406) 646-9333 after November 1. Tours into the park include private snowcoach transportation from West Yellowstone, with sleeping accommodations and dining in heated huts and tents, including guide services, all food, and sleeping bags. Once you're set up in the park, you can follow machine-set tracks or take off on your own to discover the wildlife and pristine beauty of Yellowstone. The price is $210/person for a three-day, two-night tour, and groups of up to ten people can be accommodated for one-day to week-long outings. Call or write for brochure and more information.

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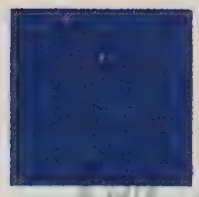

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SKI ON YOUR OWN

If you have sufficient skills to take to the hills in true ski touring style, Montana has some splendid offerings. Most U.S. Forest Service ski touring trails are only intermittently groomed and are rarely patrolled, so standard ski-touring practices are the rule: Travel in groups of not less than four; carry an extra ski tip; prepare for an unexpected night out and be alert to avalanche potential. Check with local ranger districts for current conditions. And learn the ski trail signs above.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

On the Montana-Canada border in northwestern Montana, with spectacular scenery, uncrowded country and varied terrain. Snowmobiles are prohibited and trails are quiet for watching wildlife. Best skiing is on the west side and off U.S. 2 on the south rim of the Park; east side skiing trails are often subject to strong winds and some are too long for day outings. None of Glacier's trails are maintained and they can become difficult to ski under adverse weather conditions. Some of the trails and much of the backcountry are subject to avalanche danger. During the winter months many of Glacier's roads are closed; these roads, including portions of Going-to-the-Sun Road and the Bowman Lake Road, are especially popular with skiers. For information, write the Superintendent, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, or phone park headquarters at (406) 888-5441, Apgar Information Center (open weekends) at (406) 888-5512, or East Glacier at (406) 226-4473.

OTHER AREAS

In the **Beaverhead National Forest,** from Elkhorn Hot Springs, ski the Grasshopper Ridge Trail, 5.2 km of difficult trail, and the Elkhorn Loop Trail, 17.4 km of easiest and more difficult trail. Both trails originate at Elkhorn Hot Springs and are intermittently groomed. Four ungroomed trails originate on Chief Joseph Pass along Hwy. 43.

In the **Lolo National Forest,** Pattee Canyon Complex 5.5 miles southeast of Missoula has 1.5 km of easy trail, 2.8 km of more difficult and 5.7 km of most difficult trail, all intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiling. The Holloman/Plant Creek Loop Trail 13 miles southeast of Missoula is 13 km of more difficult trail, intermittently groomed. The Seeley Creek Complex on the north edge of Seeley Lake has 4 km of easy trail, 27.4 km of more difficult and 3.2 km of most difficult trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles and dogs.

In the **Flathead National Forest,** ski from the Izaak Walton Inn on the Essex Trail Complex for 22 km of easy trail, 6.6 km of more difficult and 5 km of most difficult trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Ski Round Meadows, 15 miles northwest of Whitefish, for 15.6 km of easy trail, 5 km of more difficult and 2 km of most difficult, all intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Cedar Lake Trail, 3.5 miles north of Columbia Falls, is 9 km of more difficult trail, intermittently groomed, dogs not allowed.

ON YOUR OWN

In the **Gallatin National Forest,** ski Stone Creek Trail, 11 miles northeast of Bozeman, for 6 km of easy trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Bozeman Creek Loop, seven miles south of Bozeman at the forest boundary, is 14.5 km of more difficult trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles. Rendezvous Trail, at the southwest edge of West Yellowstone, is 9.1 km of easiest, 6.3 of more difficult and 7 km of most difficult trail, groomed weekly. This system consists of 5 trails, dogs and snowmobiles prohibited.

In the **Helena National Forest,** the MacDonald Pass Trail, 15 miles west of Helena, offers 3.6 km of easy, 2.8 km of more difficult and 5.2 km of most difficult trail, all intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles.

In the **Bitteroot National Forest,** a trail from the Lost Trail Pass Ski Area ending on U.S. 93 provides telemarking through the Saddle Mountain Burn later in the season.

In the **Deerlodge National Forest,** there are 36 km of trails in the Philipsburg-Georgetown Lake area. At Black Pine, an old mining town 5 miles northwest of Philipsburg, ski 11.5 km of difficult trails. At Discovery Ski Basin, there are 11.3 km of intermediate trails. At Georgetown Lake, ski the 6.5 km Lodge Pole Trail for intermediate skiers. At Homestead Pass along I-90, 18 miles west of Whitehall, ski 1.5 km of easy trails, 6.5 km of most difficult, not groomed.

In the **Lolo and Clearwater National Forests,** ski from Lolo Pass on five intermittently groomed trails covering 45 km for all ability levels. There are an additional 17 km of trails originating from Lolo Pass that are intermittently groomed. All of these nordic trails, along with snowshoe and snowmobile trails, comprise the **Lolo Pass Winter Sports Area,** southwest of Missoula on U.S. 12 at the Montana-Idaho border. There are no services atop the pass, but food and lodging are just a few miles away. A Visitor Center at the pass is open from Friday through Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., November 15 through March. Idaho "Park & Ski" stickers are required to park in the lot at the top of the pass.

In the **Kootenai National Forest,** Old Sears Flat Trail, 6.1 miles west of Troy, is 3.5 km of easy trail, intermittently groomed and closed to snowmobiles and dogs. Bear Creek Trail, five miles south of Libby, is 2.3 km of easy trail, 1.8 km of more difficult and 1.4 km of most difficult trail, intermittently groomed. The Ross Creek Trail, 17 miles south of Troy, has 8 km of easiest and 4.5 of most difficult trails, with motor vehicles prohibited after December 1.

Write or call these USFS offices in Montana for more information: **Beaverhead National Forest,** 610 North Montana, Dillon, MT 59725. Phone 406/683-2312. **Bitterroot National Forest,** 316 North Third, Hamilton, MT 59840. Phone 406/363-3131. **Deerlodge National Forest,** Federal Building, P.O. Box 400, Butte, MT 59703. Phone 406/496-3400. **Flathead National Forest,** 1935 3rd Avenue East, Kalispell, MT 59901. Phone 406/755-5401. **Gallatin National Forest,** Box 130, Bozeman, MT 59715. Phone 406/587-5271. **Helena National Forest,** Federal Building, Helena, MT 59626. Phone 406/449-5201. **Kootenai National Forest,** R.R.3, Box 700, Libby, MT 59923. Phone 406/293-6211. **Lolo National Forest,** Building 24, Ft. Missoula, MT 59801. Phone 406/329-3557. For a complete listing of ski touring trails on National Forest lands in Montana, write Northern Region, USFS, P.O. Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807, or call 406/587-5271.

For ski conditions and area information, call toll-free **1-800-548-3390**
In Montana call (406) 444-2654

Getting to Montana is easy. Interstate and state highways are kept in good condition during the winter. Bus companies and car rentals exist in quantity and major airlines serve major cities and towns, with smaller towns making good connections.

Highways are plowed and sanded when necessary during the winter. Motorists can get weather information and up-to-the-minute road condition reports on all radio stations every morning, with current information broadcast frequently throughout the day. In the state, phone toll-free 1-800-332-6171 for the latest road conditions; out-of-state phone 406-444-6339. Latest road conditions for roads within about a 100-mile radius of each of the following cities can be obtained by phoning 406-252-2806 for Billings; 406-586-1313 for Bozeman; 406-494-3666 for Butte; 406-453-2231 for Great Falls; 406-444-6354 for Helena; 406-755-4949 for Kalispell and 406-728-8553 for Missoula.

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The following airlines serve Montana with scheduled flights:

Billings . . . . . Northwest, Western, Frontier, United, Big Sky
Bozeman . . . . . Northwest, Frontier, Western
Butte . . . . . Western, Big Sky, Cascade Airways
Glasgow . . . . . Big Sky
Glendive . . . . . Big Sky
Great Falls . . . Northwest, Western, Frontier, United,
Havre . . . . . Big Sky
Helena . . . . . Northwest, Western, Big Sky, Cascade Airways
Kalispell . . . . . Frontier, Western, Cascade Airways
Lewistown . . . . Big Sky
Miles City . . . . Big Sky
Missoula . . . . . Northwest, Frontier, Western
Sidney . . . . . Big Sky
Wolf Point . . . . Big Sky

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
DECEMBER		
14-15	Al Goldstein Memorial Biathlon Race	Lone Mountain Ranch
15	St. Nick's Nordic Festival	Lone Mountain Ranch
27	Torchlight Parade and Fireworks	Bridger Bowl
31	New Year's Eve Torchlight Parade	Maverick Mountain
JANUARY		
4-5	U.S. Ski Association Don Squire Race	Marshall Ski Area
17-19	Western Winter Carnival	Big Sky of Montana
24-26	Whitefish Winter Carnival	The Big Mountain
26	The Vikings Revenge	Lone Mountain Ranch
	Winter Carnival	Teton Pass
FEBRUARY		
14	Fun Beverage/KJJR Sweetheart Race	The Big Mountain
22-23	U.S. Ski Association Hellgate Cup	Snow Bowl
mid-month	Montana Special Olympics	Showdown
mid-month	Salmon Chamber Giant Slalom	Lost Trail
28-March 1 and 2	Yellowstone/Yamaha Yahoo Snowmobile Weekend	West Yellowstone

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
MARCH		
2	Annual Bikini Race	Maverick Mountain
8	Great American Ski Chase (Yellowstone Rendezvous)	West Yellowstone
8-9	Winter Carnival	Red Lodge
14-16	Doug Betters Winter Classic	The Big Mountain
15-16	Spring Fling	Bridger Bowl
16	Mad Wolf Classic	Lone Mountain Ranch
17	Bash for Cash	The Big Mountain
30	Easter Sunrise Service	Bridger Bowl
mid-month	Crazy Days	Turner Mountain
mid-month	Firefighters Challenge	Showdown
APRIL		
early	Fun Day	Teton Pass
6	Lone Peak Lookout Super Triathlon Race	Big Sky of Montana
6-13	North American Ski/Yachting Championship	The Big Mountain
11-13	Oly Days Spring Carnival	Big Sky of Montana
	Corporate Cup and Belt Creek Headwaters Relay	Showdown
mid-month	Pepsi Family Race Day	Lost Trail

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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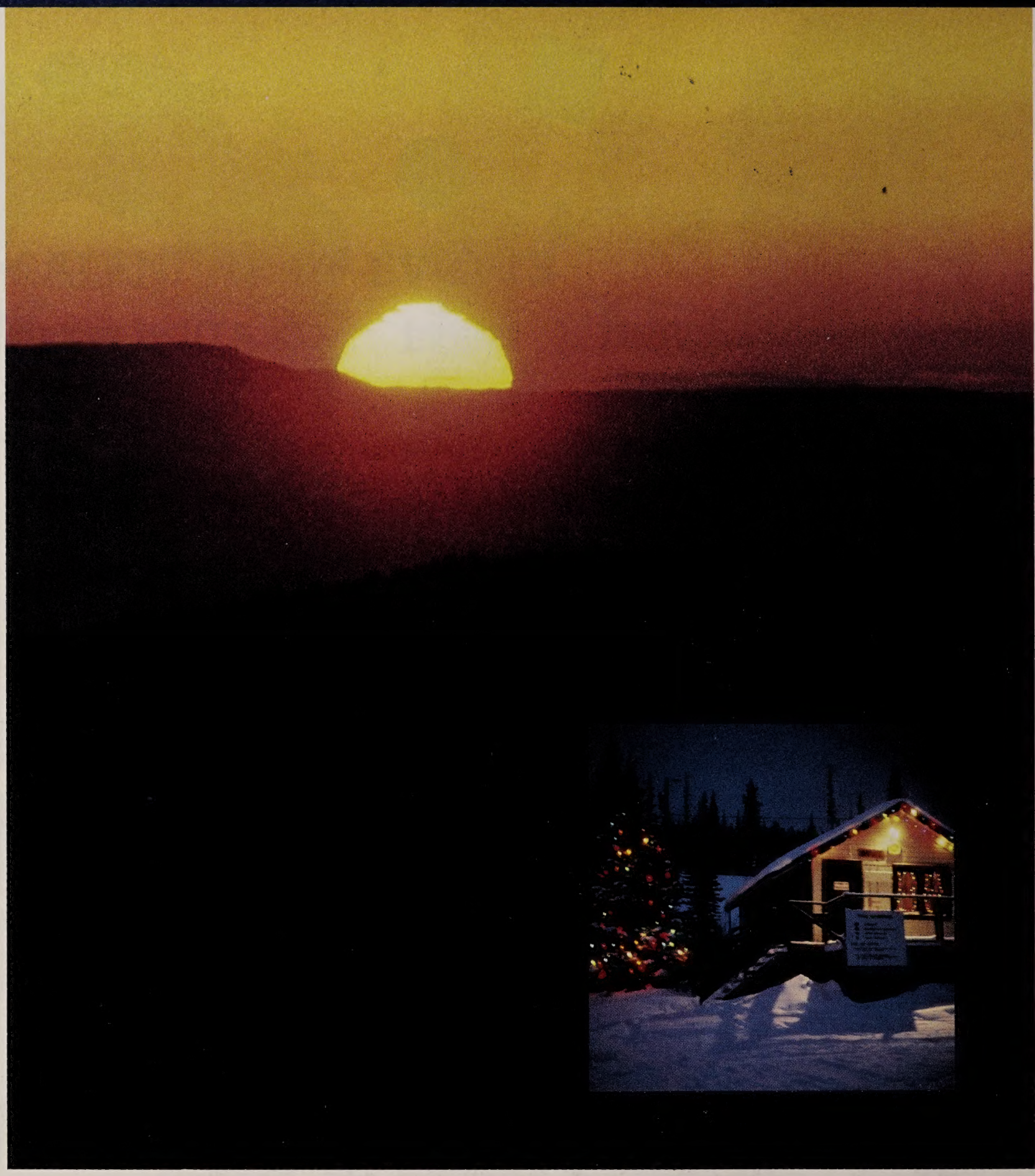

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